Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN of GRANTHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1956

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—Glenn H. Hudson

Town Clerk—Joshua H. Dunbar

Selectmen—Wilfred M. Hastings
Peter E. Forest
Everett R. Reney

Town Treasurer—Frances A. Carver

Tax Collector—Elwin J. Kimball

Overseer of the Poor—Merton Z. Pillsbury

Road Agent—Merton W. Hastings

Trustees of Library—Olive S. Howard
Dorothy H. Pillsbury
Amah R. Howard

Librarian—Bernice M. Howe

Trustees of Trust Funds—Elwin J. Kimball
Wilfred M. Hastings
Henry A. Howard

Supervisors of the Check List—Leslie F. Small
Amah R. Howard
Edward W. Hutchins

Auditors—Elynor M. Reney
June R. Mohla

Police Officer—Eugene Eaklor

Fire Warden—Merton Z. Pillsbury

Deputy Fire Wardens—Edward W. Hutchins
Alfred J. Cote
Everett R. Reney

Chief of Fire Department—Arthur R. Carver

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grantham, in the County of Sullivan, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Grantham on Tuesday, the 12th day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Art. 1. To choose by ballot and major vote one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Police Officer, one Overseer of the Poor, and two Auditors for the ensuing year; one Selectman, one Trustee of Trust Funds, one Trustee of the Public Library for the ensuing three years.

Art. 2. To choose one or more Highway agents and all other necessary town officers, agents and committees, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Art. 3. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to defray town charges.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor and Old Age Assistance.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to apply for Town Road Aid, and raise $167.71 for same.

Art. 6. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to repair highways and bridges.

Art. 7. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary for snow bill.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one one-hundredth of

one per cent (1/100 of 1%) of the assessed valuation based on the assessment of 1957 for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town, together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of cemeteries.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise $200 for control of White Pine Blister Rust in cooperation with the State Forestry Department.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will raise and set aside for the purchase of a new truck.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for use of the fire department.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell any property acquired by tax title, if they should deem it advisable.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of the town dump.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of the town common.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to hire money if necessary.

Art. 18. To hear the reports of the officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Art. 19. To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

WILFRED M. HASTINGS,
PETER E. FOREST,
EVERETT R. RENEY,
Selectmen of Grantham.

Budget of the Town of

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En-

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Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1956	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1956	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1957
From State:			
Savings bank tax	$ 50.00	$ 166.62	$ 100.00
Reimbursement ac. exemption of growing wood and timber	700.00		
Flood damage and aid		1,163.05	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	150.00	148.50	150.00
Use of town dump		110.00	
Tax sales redeemed		109.80	
Taxes bought by town		18.78	
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,000.00	1,451.51	1,400.00
Sale of town property		405.00	
Refund		14.00	
Amount raised by issue of bonds or notes:			
Temporary loan		6,000.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes—Regular at $2	280.00	306.00	300.00
Yield taxes	200.00	107.30	300.00
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	$ 2,380.00	$10,000.56	$ 2,250.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes	$13,752.54	$18,121.29	$19,461.76
Total revenues			$21,711.76

Grantham, N. H.

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PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1956	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1956	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1957
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries Town officers' expenses	$ 2,200.00	$ 1,723.10	$ 2,200.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Fire department	500.00	590.06	500.00
Moth extermination-Blister Rust		397.90	200.00
Health:			
Town dump	100.00	152.00	100.00
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvement			
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance,			
summer	1,500.00	1,343.06	1,500.00
winter	1,000.00	1,374.76	1,000.00
General expenses of Highway Dept.		419.06	
Town road aid	168.01		167.71
Public Welfare:			
Town poor Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	319.17 273.75	1,500.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	75.00	105.00	100.00
Highways and Bridges:			
New equipment, truck fund	800.00	800.00	800.00
Payments to other governmental divisions:			
County taxes	1,338.24	1,338.24	1,338.24
School taxes	12,305.81	12,305.81	12,305.81
Total expenditures	$20,987.06	$21,141.91	$21,711.76

SUMMARY INVENTORY

of Valuation for the Tax Year, 1956

DESCRIPTION	VALUATION
Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)	$239,860.00
Mills and machinery	8,600.00
Electric plants	16,600.00
Stock in trade	15,600.00
Horses, asses and mules, 22	1,055.00
Cows, 88	5,750.00
Other neat stock, 18	1,070.00
Sheep and goats, 18	180.00
Fowls, 300	250.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	850.00
Wood, lumber etc.	12,000.00
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	$301,815.00
Less soldiers' exemptions	27,250.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	$274,565.00

Number of veterans who received property exemption	27
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	32

APPROPRIATIONS
and Taxes Assessed, 1956

Town charges and town officers' expenses		$ 2,200.00
Fire department		500.00
Moth extermination—Blister Rust		400.00
Town dump		100.00
Town road aid		168.01
Town maintenance		2,500.00
Old age assistance and public relief		1,000.00
Cemeteries		75.00
County tax		1,338.24
School tax		12,305.81
Capital reserve fund, truck fund		800.00
Total town and school appropriations		$21,387.06
Less estimated revenues and credits:		
Interest and dividends tax	166.62	
Savings bank tax	61.57	
Revenue from Yield tax sources	734.59	
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,000.00	
Dog licenses	150.00	
Cash surplus	1,200.00	
Total revenues and credits		3,312.78
		$18,074.28
Plus overlay		325.01
Net amount to be raised by taxation		$18,399.29
Less 139 poll taxes @ $2		278.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes		$18,121.29

Tax rate per $100 valuation: $6.60

Comparative Statement of

Fiscal Year Ending

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements
Town charges	$2,200.00	$
Town poor and old age assistance	1,000.00	
Town road aid	168.01	
Town maintenance,		
Winter	1,000.00	
Summer	1,500.00	
Major truck repair	none	
Cemeteries	75.00	
New truck fund	800.00	
Fire department	500.00	
Town dump	100.00	110.00
Totals	$7,343.01	$110.00

Appropriations and Expenditures
December 31, 1956

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
$2,200.00	$2,124.00	$ 76.00	
1,000.00	592.92	407.08	
168.01	168.01		
1,000.00	1,374.76		374.76
1,500.00	1,343.06	156.94	
none	419.06		419.06
75.00	105.00		30.00
800.00	800.00		
500.00	590.06		90.06
210.00	152.00	58.00	
$7,453.01	$7,668.87	$698.02	$913.88
			698.02
Net overdraft of appropriations			$215.86

Town of Grantham	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash	
In bank	$12,285.16
In hands of treasurer	327.85
Capital Reserve Fund	
Truck fund	3,200.00
Unredeemed Taxes	
Levy of 1953	54.07
Levy of 1951	57.13
Uncollected Taxes	
Levy of 1956	6,096.08
State Head taxes—Levy of 1956	300.00
Total assets	$22,320.29
Surplus, December 31, 1955	$ 6,993.13
Surplus, December 31, 1956	$ 7,592.48
Increase of surplus	$ 599.35

Sheet December 31, 1956

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town

Due to State:	
State Head taxes—1956	
Uncollected	$ 300.00
Due to School District:	
Balance of appropriation	5,227.81
Capital Reserve Fund	
Truck fund	3,200.00
Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	
Bank	6,000.00
Total liabilities	$14,727.81
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	7,592.48
Should equal this grand total	$22,320.29

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town hall, lands and buildings	$2,000.00
Furniture and equipment	200.00
Library, land and building	3,000.00
Furniture and equipment	500.00
Fire department, equipment	800.00
Highway department, lands and buildings	300.00
Equipment	400.00
Schools, lands and buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	500.00
All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds:	
Henry Hamilton homestead	1,100.00
Ernest Smith place	400.00
Ella G. Smith Estate	900.00
Water power	200.00
Hibbard Vieno land	400.00
L. A. B. Smith land	400.00
Vett Davis land	300.00
Part of Green Estate	700.00
Two lots lease land	700.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1955 auto permits	$ 18.88	
1956 auto permits	1,432.63	
		$1,451.51
1955 dog licenses	$ 23.00	
1956 dog licenses	125.50	
		148.50
		$1,600.01

Number of permits issued Jan. 1 for the year ending Apr. 1, 1956, 12		$ 18.88
1956 auto permits, 237		1,432.63
		$1,451.51
Number of dog licenses for 1955, 4	$ 23.00	
Number of dog licenses for 1956, 57	125.50	
		148.50
		$1,600.01

Paid treasurer $1,600.01

JOSHUA H. DUNBAR, Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Property and Poll Taxes
Levy of 1956

Dr.

Taxes committed to Collector:			
Property taxes	$18,121.29		
Poll taxes	300.00		
Total warrant		$18,421.29	
Added taxes:			
Property taxes		46.20	
Interest collected		.01	
Total debits			$18,467.50

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Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property taxes		$12,838.83	
Poll taxes		182.00	
Interest collected		.01	
Abatements:			
Property		13.20	
Polls		10.00	
Uncollected taxes:			
Property taxes		5,315.46	
Poll taxes		108.00	
Total credits			$18,467.50

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1955

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1956:			
Property taxes	$3,016.40		
Poll taxes	120.00		
Yield taxes	107.30		
Added property taxes	24.00		
Added poll taxes	10.00		
		$3,277.70	
Interest collected during fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1956		103.53	
Total debits			$3,381.23

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Remittances to Treasurer during fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1956:			
Property taxes		$3,024.40	
Poll taxes		124.00	
Yield taxes		107.30	
Interest collected		100.75	
Taxes bought by town		16.00	
Interest on taxes bought		2.78	
Abatements made during year		6.00	
Uncollected taxes		00.00	
Total credits			$3,381.23

State Head Tax

Levy of 1956

Dr.

State Head taxes committed to Collector:			
Original warrant	$910.00		
Added taxes	35.00		
Total commitment		$945.00	
Penalties collected		2.50	
Total debits			$947.50

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Remittances to Treasurer:			
Head taxes	$630.00		
Penalties	2.50		
		$632.50	
Abatements		15.00	
Uncollected Head taxes		300.00	
Total credits			$947.50

Levy of 1955

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1956		$320.00	
Added taxes during 1956		50.00	
Penalties collected during 1956		35.50	
Total debits			$405.50

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Remittances to Treasurer in 1956:			
Head taxes	$355.00		
Penalties	35.50		
		$390.50	
Abatements during 1956		15.00	
Uncollected Head taxes as per Collector's list		.00	
Total credits			$405.50

Redeemed Taxes

Paid to Treasurer in 1956:

1953	Prop. int. and costs at time of sale	$40.98
	Interest after sale	4.91
1952	Prop. int. and costs at time of sale	53.26
	Interest after sale	10.65
		$109.80

Unredeemed Taxes

1953 $54.07 at time of sale

1951 $57.13 at time of sale

1955 $22.56 at time of sale

I hereby certify that these summaries of Property, Poll, Yield Tax and State Head Tax Warrants of the tax levies of 1955 and 1956 are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELWIN J. KIMBALL, Tax Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

From Town Clerk:		
1955 auto permits	$ 18.88	
1955 dog licenses	23.00	
1956 auto permits	1,432.63	
1956 dog licenses	125.50	
		$ 1,600.01
From Tax Collector:		
1955 property tax	$ 3,024.40	
1955 poll tax	124.00	
1955 Yield tax	107.30	
1955 interest	100.75	
1955 interest	2.78	
Taxes bought by town	16.00	
		3,375.23
1955 Head tax	$ 355.00	
1955 interest	35.50	
		390.50
1956 property tax	$12,838.83	
1956 poll tax	182.00	
1956 interest	.01	
1956 Head tax	630.00	
1956 penalties	2.50	
		13,653.34
1952 redeemed tax	$ 53.26	
1952 interest	10.65	
		63.91
1953 redeemed tax	$ 40.98	
1953 interest	4.91	
		45.89

T. R. A.	1,163.05
Interest and dividends tax	166.62
Property bought by town	400.00
Use of town dump	110.00
Sale of settee	5.00
Refund from Gauthier & Woodard	14.00
First National Bank, loan	6,000.00
Grand total of receipts	$26,987.55
Balance January 1, 1956	$ 6,814.78
Receipts January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956	26,987.55
Total	$33,802.33
Payments January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956	21,190.82
	$12,611.51
Check book balance	$12,282.27
Cash on hand	263.43
	$12,545.70
Check held for insufficient funds	65.81
	$12,611.51

FRANCES A. CARVER, Treasurer.

Summary and Detail Statement of Receipts and

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

From local taxes: (collected and remitted to treasurer)		
Property taxes, current year, 1956	$12,838.83	
Poll taxes, current year, regular @ $2, 1956	182.00	
Yield taxes, 1956	107.30	
State Head taxes @ $5, 1956	630.00	
Total current year's taxes collected and remitted		13,758.13
Property taxes and Yield taxes, previous years		3,024.40
Poll taxes, previous years, regular @ $2		124.00
State Head taxes @ $5, previous years		355.00
Interest received on taxes		100.76
Penalties on State Head taxes		38.00
Tax sales redeemed		109.80
Taxes bought by town		18.78
From State:		
For highways and bridges:		
Town road aid, flood damage		983.61
Class V highway maintenance		179.44
Interest and dividends tax		166.62
Total of above current revenue receipts		$18,858.54

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Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1956

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government:		
Town officers' salaries		$ 816.96
Town officers' expenses		507.11
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Fire department		590.06
Moth extermination—Blister Rust		397.90
Health:		
Town dump		152.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town maintenance, summer	1,762.12	
winter	1,374.76	
		3,136.88
Street lighting		373.35
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance		319.17
Town poor		273.75
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day		8.40
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries		105.00
Unclassified:		
Taxes bought by town		18.78
Total current maintenance expenses		$ 6,699.36

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Summary and Detail Statement of Receipts and

RECEIPTS

(Brought forward from page 22)	$18,858.54
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses	148.50
Sale of town property, F. Currier place, $400; settee, $5	405.00
Use of dump	110.00
Temporary loan	6,000.00
Refund	14.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1955 permits	18.88
Registration of motor vehicles, 1956 permits	1,432.63
Total receipts from all sources	$26,987.55
Cash on hand January 1, 1956	6,814.78
This grand total	$33,802.33

Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1956

PAYMENTS

(Brought forward from page 23)		$ 6,699.36
Outlay for New Equipment		
Trust fund		$ 800.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
State Head taxes paid State Treasurer		$ 1,012.81
Taxes paid to County		1,338.24
Payments to School District,		
1955 tax	$4,262.41	
1956 tax	7,078.00	
		11,340.41
Total payments for all purposes		$21,190.82
Cash on hand December 31, 1956		12,611.51
Should equal this grand total		$33,802.33

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries and Expenses

Merton Pillsbury, overseer of poor	$	50.00
Joshua Dunbar, town clerk		184.50
Leslie Small, supervisor		22.50
Peter Forest, 2nd selectman		60.00
Expenses		5.00
Wilfred Hastings, 1st selectman		70.00
Expenses		8.00
Elwin Kimball, tax collector		172.46
Frances Carver, treasurer		50.00
Expenses		3.36
Bernice Howe, librarian		75.00
Edward Hutchins, supervisor		22.50
Eugene Eaklor, police officer		30.00
Amah Howard, supervisor		30.00
Everett Reney, 3rd selectman		50.00
	$	833.32

General Town Charges

Edson Eastman, supplies	$	10.38
Joey Dunbar, typing		8.50
Zella Eastman, recording fee		12.40
Mildred Dunbar, janitor		2.00
John Fairbanks, legal service		3.00
John McCrillis, bonds		26.50
Gauthier & Woodard, bonds		14.00
Gauthier & Woodard, fire and liability insurance		107.61
The Howe Press, printing		242.80
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies		19.81
Association of Tax Collectors, dues		3.00
Association of Town Clerks, dues		2.00
D. L. Garrison, auto rate book		8.00
Kenneth Shaw, legal service		3.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Regional Association, dues		15.00

Cote & Reney, wood	8.00
Bank service charge	4.75
Public Service Co., street and building lights	373.35
Elwin Kimball, taxes bought by town	18.78
J. W. Johnson & Son, flags	8.40
	$ 891.28

Article 4

Shirley Smith, town aid	$ 273.75
N. H., old age assistance share	319.17
	$ 592.92

Articles 6 and 7

Merton Hastings, summer roads	$ 1,343.06
Merton Hastings, winter roads	1,374.76
Stanley Ford Sales, truck repairs	419.06
	$ 3,136.88

Article 9

Elwin Kimball, work in cemeteries	$ 105.00

Article 10

N. H., for Blister Rust control	$ 397.90

Article 12

Henry Howard, truck trust fund	$ 800.00

Article 13

Reney's General Store, material	$ 48.64
Gauthier & Woodard, insurance	92.00
Arthur Carver, bills	140.66
Halprin Supply Co., material	56.43
Dartmouth Motors, repairs	1.50
Eastern Fire Equipment, material	103.48
Merton Pillsbury, forest fire	30.50
Public Service Co., electricity	7.40
Martin's Hardware, coal	34.45
Paul Banner, pump	75.00
	$ 590.06

Article 15

Arthur Carver, work	$ 25.00
Everett Reney, work	15.00
Blue Mt. Construction Co., Inc., work	100.00
Wilfred Cote, work	12.00
	$ 152.00

Other Payments

Sullivan County treasurer, county tax	$ 1,338.24
N. H., Head taxes	$ 1,012.81
Bernice Howe, school tax	$11,340.41
Grand total	$21,190.82

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

M. W. HASTINGS, Agent

WINTER LABOR

M. W. Hastings	$448.80
Kenneth Barton	287.50
Vernon Spooner	4.50
Lester Hastings	2.00
Robert Osgood	3.00
Ralph Howard	2.50
Arnold Moulton	5.00
Jack Pillsbury	5.00
Arthur Smith, Jr.	7.00
Wayne Pillsbury	35.50
Allen Walker	5.00
	$805.80

WINTER SUPPLIES

Charles D. Maxham, welding		$ 20.48
D. J. Reney, plank		55.68
Reney's Store, gas and oil		169.17
Dartmouth Motors, Inc., repairs		61.97
Henry Howard, repairs		12.60
Kibby Equipment, chain hoist		36.12
Ludlow Rubber Co., tire and tube		45.50
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc. parts		40.65
Guy Dodge, sand		5.60
Hollis Heath, truck		50.00
H. D. Harris Co. parts		3.42
Everett Reney, plowing snow		18.00
Bernice Howe, printing		1.25
Town of Croydon, plowing snow		21.00
William St. Pierre, gas		31.30
L. Hautaniemi, repairs		3.75
William Manning, gravel		5.20
		$581.69
Refund on tire chain	$.63	
Refund, Zerex Fire Department	17.36	17.99
		$563.70

SUMMER LABOR

M. W. Hastings	$334.40
Kenneth Barton	130.00
Wayne Pillsbury	55.50
Elwin Kimball	8.00
Arthur Smith, Jr.	64.50
John Pillsbury	22.00
Lester Hastings	15.00
	$629.40

SUMMER SUPPLIES

Cote & Reney, plank	$ 99.95
D. J. Reney, plank	44.37
William Manning, gravel	8.00
Henry Howard, repairs	.75
Glenn Hudson, loader	61.25
William St. Pierre, gas	19.77
Wilfred Hastings, grader	282.00
Blaktop, Inc.	46.48
Reney's Store, gas and oil	25.86
Flanders & Patch, repairs	1.75
Dartmouth Motors, Inc., repairs	32.68
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc., parts	26.04
Farmers Feed & Supply Co., salt	17.00
M. W. Hastings, truck	5.00
	$670.90

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Grantham on December 31, 1956

Invested in the Newport Savings Bank at 3¼%

Date of Creation	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income, All Expended
1907—1911	From sale of lease land, school fund		$623.00	$29.41
1900	Hannah Hayward Fund, for cemetery lot		400.00	13.10
1900	William Howe Fund, for cemetery lot		50.00	1.62
1911—1946	L. F. Shaw Fund, for cemetery lot		150.00	4.91
1913	Jonathan Brown Fund, for cemetery lot		150.00	4.91
1913	Hannah Stevens Fund, for cemetery lot		50.00	1.62
1920	Mercy Sanborn George Fund, for cemetery lot		100.00	3.27
1929	Reverdy Smith Fund, Wm. Smith cemetery lot		50.00	1.62
1933	Irene W. Hemphill Fund, for cemetery lot		100.00	3.27
1935	Estella Hitchcock Fund, for cemetery lot		100.00	3.27
1941	Louisa B. Bailey Fund, for Lucy A. Roach and Herbert J. Wiggins lots		75.00	2.46
1944	Alice M. Wilcox Fund, for Harrison Goss lot		100.00	3.27
1946	Emma Etta Sanborn Fund, for lots, E. Grantham cemetery			
1952	Mary Sanborn Bragg Fund " "		400.00	13.10
1915	Hiram Buswell Fund, for library		300.00	9.82
1948	Edith M. Miller Fund, for cemetery lots		100.00	3.27
1952-1956	Truck Fund, new truck	$3,351.96		
1955	School Bldg. Fund, new school	933.11		

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Dec. 31, 1956. HENRY A. HOWARD, WILFRED HASTINGS, ELWIN J. KIMBALL, Trustees.

REPORT ON TRUST FUNDS

Received interest on all trust funds		$89.92
Paid:		
Amah Howard, library fund	$ 9.82	
Bernice Howe, school trust fund	20.41	
Elwin Kimball, agent Hayward fund	13.10	
Henry Howard, all trust funds for Pleasant Dale cemetery	46.59	
All expended		$89.92

HENRY A. HOWARD,
Treasurer of Trustees.

AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Town Highway Agent, and other town officers and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

JUNE R. MOHLA,
ELEANOR M. RENEY,
Auditors.

DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

Total circulation for the year		679
Town books loaned	129	
State books loaned	550	
Books purchased		5
Books received as gifts		55
Received from fines		$2.26

Mrs. Howard Ashley gave the Library about fifty books, many of them being in the Mystery class.

BERNICE M. HOWE, Librarian.

Trustees' Report

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1, 1956 Bank balance	$75.15	
Cash balance	8.59	
Total		$83.74
Nov. 16, 1956 Trust fund		9.82
Dec. 31, 1956 Library fines		2.26
		$95.82

PAYMENTS

Dec. 1955 Bank service charge	$.09	
Sept. 1956 Bank service charge	.50	
Nov. 1956 6 books	10.19	
Dec. 1956 Library supplies	2.00	
		$12.78
Dec. 31, 1956 Bank balance	74.19	
Dec. 31, 1956 Cash on hand	8.85	
		83.04
		$95.82

AMAH R. HOWARD,
OLIVE S. HOWARD,
Trustees.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The progress of the Fire Department has been very good this last year.

The outside of the Fire House needs about 100ft. more of clapboards and that will finish the front of the building.

A hot air furnace has been donated and has been installed. The outside will be painted this year and the floor will be cemented.

We hope that by next winter we will have heat in the Fire House at all times so that we can keep our tank filled with water.

A needed piece of equipment has been added to our fire fighting force. It is a Gorman Rupp gas driven portable pump which can be handled by 2 men.

I recommend that the town sell the 500gal. C. D. pumper and use the money for more hose which we need badly. This pumper is of no use in the winter because it will freeze when not running. The pump and motor need a lot of work and parts can not be had because of its age.

The Fire Department answered to three chimney fires and one house fire for the year.

The fire siren worked out satisfactorily.

At the Swensen Howe Hill fire 18 men answered the call, and were there in minutes and need praise for the way things were handled by them. I am taking this opportunity to thank them and wish to praise them for the work performed.

This year I am again asking the town to raise $500.00 for the use of the Fire Department to finish

the Fire House and to buy equipment which we need badly.

I wish to thank the officers and men of the Department and the Board of Selectmen and townspeople for their generous support.

ARTHUR R. CARVER

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Grantham School District

Officers of the District

Moderator
Glenn H. Hudson

Clerk
Bernice M. Howe

Treasurer
Bernice M. Howe

School Board
Estabell Holmes
(Term expires March, 1957)
John F. Mohla
(Term expires March, 1958)
Phyllis H. Forest
(Term expires March, 1959)

Superintendent of Schools
Hammond A. Young

Helping Teacher
Stella Durkee

School Nurse
Florence De Palma, R.N.

Auditors
Eleanor M. Reney
June R. Mohla

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Grantham, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Grantham on Tuesday, March 12, 1957 at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Article 5. To choose Auditors for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate for school purposes, the sum of money as set forth in the budget, including the salaries of School officials, and payment of statutory requirements and other expenses and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state aid and other income, the balance to be raised by taxation by the District.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to authorize the use of the money invested in the capital reserve account for the payment of the current major repairs and direct that the money shall be made available, as necessary, prior to June 30, 1957.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 (one thousand dollars) as a deficit appropriation and said appropriation to be made available prior to June 30, 1957.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for major repairs, purchase of land, and other necessary expenses for the improvement of the school buildings.

Article 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

ESTABELL HOLMES,
JOHN MOHLA,
PHYLLIS H. FOREST,
Grantham School Board.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

State Aid	$10,080.88
Town of Grantham, current appropriation	4,262.41
Town of Grantham, deficit appropriation	3,778.00
Trust fund	20.41
Cash on hand July 1, 1955	963.47
	$19,105.17
Cash in capital reserve fund	917.26
Grand total	$20,022.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries of district officers	$ 80.00
Superintendent's salary, local share	148.50
Tax for state-wide supervision	166.00
Expense of administration	244.78
Teachers' salaries	7,100.00
Textbooks	177.11
Scholars' supplies	264.44
Other expenses of instruction	14.75
Salaries of custodians	500.00
Fuel	320.48
Water, lights and supplies	143.54
Repairs and replacements	407.18
Health supervision	100.00
Transportation	200.00
Tuition	4,275.00
Retirement assessment	500.17
Insurance	62.92
Payment into capital reserve	610.90
Total disbursements	$15,315.77
Cash on hand June 30, 1956	3,789.40
Cash in capital reserve fund	917.26
Grand total disbursements	$20,022.43

Detailed Statement of Expenditures
July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

Salaries of District Officers			
John Mohla	$	17.50	
Estabell Holmes		10.00	
Eleanor Reney		2.50	
Ramona Flewelling		20.00	
Bernice Howe		30.00	$ 80.00
State of N. H., Supt's salary			*148.50
Per Capita tax			166.00
Expense of Administration			
Estabell Holmes	$	3.35	
Ramona Flewelling		6.65	
Lebanon School District, Supervisory Union expense		120.72	
John Cronin, postmaster		7.06	
Bank service charges		2.20	
Lebanon School District, postage etc.		22.30	
State Treasurer, Supt's travel		82.50	244.78
Expense of Instruction			
Doris Farrington	$	2,500.00	
Ella Reney		2,300.00	
Yvonne Kezar		2,300.00	7,100.00
Textbooks			
Follett Publishing Co.	$	35.36	
Ginn & Co.		4.02	
Houghton Mifflin Co.		30.36	
Silver Burdett Co.		29.13	
Scott, Foresman Co.		52.61	
Lyons & Carnahan		15.51	

*State share $2,500; Lebanon $4,719.60; Plainfield $531.90

World Book Co.		2.89	
Lebanon School District		2.75	
L. S. Morrison		4.48	177.11
Scholars' Supplies			
Follett Publishing Co.	$	1.04	
Gledhill Bros.		67.40	
Milton Bradley		41.34	
Silver Burdett Co.		12.01	
Scott, Foresman Co.		45.10	
World Book Co.		7.77	
Houghton Mifflin Co.		1.28	
Lebanon School District		48.95	
White River Paper Co.		43.55	
Reney's General Store		1.25	269.69
Other Expense of Instruction			
Wanda Chapman	$	5.50	
The Howe Press		3.25	
Lebanon School District		6.00	14.75
Janitor Service			
Nellie Mutney	$	200.00	
John Tucker		300.00	500.00
Fuel			
Reney Bros.	$	20.00	
John Tucker		33.00	
N. P. Clough & Co.		223.48	
Cote & Reney		24.00	
Alfred Holmes		20.00	320.48
Janitors' Supplies, Water and Lights			
F. E. Dean	$	1.98	
White River Paper Co.		27.06	
Reney's Store		14.60	
Pioneer Mfg. Co.		15.37	
Du-Ev Products		19.75	
Lebanon School District		6.50	
Ramona Flewelling		3.09	
Farmers Feed		.75	
Public Service Co. of N. H.		51.34	
Hildreth's Store		3.10	143.54

Repairs and Replacements		
Nellie Mutney	$ 21.50	
John Tucker	88.96	
Reney Bros.	32.57	
N. P. Clough & Co.	5.20	
Cain's Store	14.40	
Rowell Bros.	6.31	
Waverly Corp.	15.05	
Twin State Elec. Co.	7.10	
Edgar Richard	8.00	
C. M. Hildreth	9.84	
Ramona Flewelling	5.00	
Dulac's Woodworking	29.94	
Cote & Reney	5.46	
Kenneth Flewelling	1.65	
Collins Elec. Co.	6.60	
Trumbull-Nelson Co.	8.00	
Silsby & Johnson Co.	4.97	
Lewis Bros.	2.02	
Estabell Holmes	1.00	
H. E. Johnson	89.00	
Lebanon School District	17.75	
Raymond Touchette	40.00	420.32
Health Supervision		
Lebanon School District		100.00
Transportation		
Yvonne Kezar		200.00
Tuition		
Newport School District	$ 1,375.00	
Lebanon School District	2,900.00	4,275.00
Retirement assessment		500.17
Insurance		
Gauthier & Woodard	$ 5.00	
Haven Insurance	57.92	62.92
Payment into capital reserve		610.90
		$15,334.16

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1955	$ 963.47
Town of Grantham, current appropriation	4,262.41
Town of Grantham, deficit appropriation	3,778.00
State Aid	10,080.88
Trust fund	20.41
Other income	18.39
Total receipts	$19,123.56
Paid out on School Board orders, bank charges	15,334.16
Cash on hand July 1, 1956	$ 3,789.40
Cash in capital reserve fund	$ 917.26

BERNICE M. HOWE,
District Treasurer.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Grantham, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and find them correct in all respects.

JUNE R. MOHLA,
ELEANOR M. RENEY,
Auditors.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

1957-1958

	1956-7	1957-8
Salaries dist. officers	$ 105.00	$ 105.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	156.60	171.10
Per capita tax 92 x 2	192.00	184.00
Administration expen.	238.09	243.89
Teachers' salaries	8,000.00	8,900.00
Textbooks	200.00	250.00
Scholars' supplies	250.00	300.00
Other exp. of instruction	15.00	15.00
Janitor service	500.00	550.00
Fuel	325.00	350.00
Janitor supplies	50.00	50.00
Minor repairs and replacements	500.00	500.00
Health supervision	100.00	100.00
Transportation	200.00	200.00
Retirement	515.00	618.23
Insurance, treas. bond	5.00	5.00
High school tuition	6,400.00	8,770.00
Total budget	$17,751.69	$21,312.22
Less estimated income:		
State aid	11,430.88	11,000.00
Trust fund	15.00	15.00
Total estimated income	$11,445.88	$11,015.00
	6,305.81	10,297.22
Improvements	2,222.00	
Deficit	3,778.00	1,000.00
Estimated local tax	$12,305.81	$11,297.22

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board of Grantham:

I shall report on three major items in this my sixth annual report: (1) Repairs, (2) Costs, and (3) Standards.

1. Repairs - During the summer and fall of 1956 an artesian well was drilled at the North Grantham and at the Village schools. At the Village school land was purchased, a basement room constructed, toilets put in, and a pump with reserve water tank installed. A detailed statement of cost appears in the School Board's financial statement. If the project discussed at the last meeting is to be completed, additional money will need to be appropriated.

2. Costs - The local tax for schools for 1956–7 was $12,305.81 which is considerably more than the 1955-1956 amount of $4,262.41. It is necessary to raise by local tax about $7,800 in order to qualify for full state aid under the present law. This year's amount of state aid received was $11,304.77. An effort is being made to increase state support of education.

 I recommend that the District vote to authorize the School Board to use the money now in the Capital Reserve Account because the repairs cost more than was expected at the last annual meeting.

3. Standards - I write here my regrets that the building repairs accomplished are of such a short term nature. Perhaps Grantham will some day decide to pay tuition for the 7th and 8th grade pupils to attend a junior high school. At such a time, improved class-rooms may be a reality.

The annual achievement test results are lower than the national average, and lower than the Plainfield and Lebanon averages. I attribute this to the many grades assigned to each teacher.

My appreciation is hereby expressed to the teachers, nurse, school board, building committee, pupils and parents who have cooperated to make possible the education of Grantham children.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMMOND YOUNG,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

My school year at Grantham started with routine inspections for communicable diseases and I am very happy to say we had very few.

The eyes and ears were examined and all children were weighed and measured. Many children were helped through the State Sight Conservation program for reported defects.

Our big project last year was to have as many children as possible inoculated against poliomyletis and I feel we did a very good job with the help and cooperation of the parents and teachers. Out of fifty-three (53) school children, forty-six (46) have received at least two shots and many pre-school children have received their inoculations. We hope to be able to give the third and last shot before another polio season starts.

May I express my thanks to Mr. Young, the Grantham School Board and all the teachers, who are always very willing to help. I am truly grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE M. DePALMA, R. N.
School Nurse.

ENROLLMENT

September, 1956

No. pupils in grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Grantham Primary									
Yvonne Kezar	10	5	11	4					30
Grantham Grammar									
Ella Reney					5	4	3	8	20
North Grantham									
Mabel Pillsbury	1	2	5	4	5	0	2		19
Totals	11	7	16	8	10	4	5	8	69

GRANTHAM TUITION PUPILS

1956-1957

NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Pauline Osgood	Gr. 12	Paul Hamilton	Gr. 10
Beverly Reney	12	Joyce Currier	9
Sandra Cote	11	Kathleen Reney	9

LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL

Clifford Barber	9	William Wallace	9
Jean Currier	9	David Barton	10
Martha Cutts	9	*Paul Hamilton	10
Freda Day	9	Wayne Pillsbury	10
Bruce Flewelling	9	Stanley Smith	10
Brenda Hastings	9	Lauren Flewelling	11
Beverly Holmes	9	John Pillsbury	11
Wilma Smith	9		

WEST LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL

Ralph Day 12

CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Elbert Bannister 12
(in foster home)

*Transferred to Lebanon 11-13-56

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Grantham for the Year ending December 31, 1956

Date of birth	Place of Birth	Name of child	Sex	Living or Stillborn	No. of child	Color	Name of father	Maiden name of mother	Color	Residence of parents	Occupation of father	Birthplace of father	Birthplace of mother
Feb. 22	Hanover	Brian Paul	M		3		Ronald A. Hastings	Janis H. Sherman			Farmer	Grantham	Ashland
June 4	New London	Valerie Ann	F		1		David N. Reney	Barbara A. George			Lumberman	Vt.	N. H.
Sept. 30	Claremont	Linda Gail	F		4		Russell S. Belliveau	Barbara A. Briggs			Sub-Contractor	N. H.	N. H.
Oct. 6	Hanover	Wade Mitchell	M		1		Fred L. Currier, Jr.	Jeannine L. Riley			Lumberman	N. H.	N. H.
Oct. 13	Newport	John Francis, Jr.	M		3		John Francis Mohla	June R. Coulter			Buyer	Mass.	Mass.
Nov. 5	Claremont	Charles Edmond, Jr.	M		2		Charles E. Barton	Jo Ann McCabe			Air Force	N. H.	Ark.

Living
White
White
Grantham

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Grantham for the Year ending December 31, 1956

Date of marriage	Place of marriage	Name and Surname of groom and bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age	Color	Occupation of groom and bride	Place of birth of each	Names of parents	Birthplace of parents	Condition	Name of person by whom married
Mar. 3	Newport	Bernard L. Moulton	Campton	24	White	Laborer	Newport	Leslie Moulton	Mass.	Single	W. F. Brown, Minister
								Ilelen Lakountain	N. H.		Clergyman
		Mary E. Wallace	Grantham	18		At home	Grantham	Clifton S. Wallace	N. H.		Newport
								Marie L. Partridge	N. H.		
Apr. 20	Enfield	Harry P. Newcomb	Croydon	25		Farmer	Mass.	Eugene Newcomb	Mass.		Joseph I. Craig
								Veronica Partridge	N. H.		Minister
		Marie A. Sherman	Grantham	19		Clerk	N. H.	Henry Sherman	N. H.		Enfield
								Cora Reney	N. H.		
June 30	Springfield	Arnold M. Moulton	Grantham	18		Mill worker	N. H.	Claude Moulton	Vt.		Seely Philbrick
								Jennie Smith	N. H.		Justice of the Peace
		Sandra J. Therriault	Newport	16		At home	N. H.	Edward Therriault	Vt.		Springfield
								Irene Fortune	N. H.		
July 9	Lebanon	Leon S. Wallace	Grantham	19		Tacker	N. H.	Clifton S. Wallace	N. H.		J. W. King
								Marie Partridge	N. H.		Minister
		Virginia Crate	Lebanon	18		Inspector	N. H.	Alexander Crate	N. H.		Lebanon
								Doris Grace	N. H.		
July 29	Newport	Wilfred P. Legacy	Newport	19		Machine Shop	N. H.	William Legacy	N. H.		Harry Mikels
								Althea Gould	Mass.		Minister
		Ann D. Moulton	Grantham	20		At home	N. H.	Claude Moulton	Vt.		Newport
								Jennie Smith	N. H.		
Sept. 8	Newport	Norris E. Thornton	Grantham	25		Truck driver	N. H.	Herbert Thornton	N. H.		Leonard Dudley
								Mary Sullivan	Vt.		Justice of the Peace
		Dorothy L. Leland	Newport	17		At home	Vt.	Charles Leland	N. H.		Newport
								Janet Maxfield	N. H.		

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Grantham for the Year ending December 31, 1956

Date of marriage	Place of marriage	Name and Surname of groom and bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age	Color	Occupation of groom and bride	Place of birth of each	Names of parents	Birthplace of parents	Condition	Name of person by whom married
Sept. 10	Newport	Frederick A. Brown	Croydon	22	White	Farmer	N. H.	William Brown	England	Single	W. F. Brown
								Florence May	England		Minister
		Sara A. Wood	Grantham	19		Shoe worker	N. H.	Frederick Wood	Mass.		Newport
Sept. 29	Newport	Carleton Benoit	Sunapee	30		Machinist	N. H.	Joseph Benoit	Canada		Harry Mikels
								Lottie Adjutant	N. H.		Minister
		Katja Hautaniemi	Grantham	30		Secretary	N. Y.	Samuel Hautaniemi	Finland		Newport
								Katie Koski	Finland		
Oct. 21	Grantham	Alfred M. Holmes	Grantham	28		Physics Tech.	N. H.	John S. Holmes	Mass.		Jacquelyn Craig
								Estabell Braley	N. H.		Minister
		Beryl Joey Dunbar	Grantham	22		Hairdresser	N. H.	Joshua Dunbar	N. H.		Enfield
								Mildred Barton	N. H.		
Nov. 24	Newport	Edwin Jennings, Jr.	Unity	18		Woolen worker	N. H.	Edwin Jennings	N. H.		W. F. Brown
								Ruth Thurber	N. H.		Clergyman
		Shirley Currier	Grantham	17		At home	N. H.	Fred Currier	N. H.		Newport
								Josephine Spaulding	N. H.		
Dec. 8	Goshen	David A. Berquist	Goshen	25		U. S. Marines	Mass.	Frank Berquist	Mass.		Helen Brigham
								Gladys Roper	Mass.		Justice of the Peace
		Virginia Hamilton	Grantham	19		Nurse	N. H.	Henry Hamilton	Mass.		Goshen
								Marion Colburn	N. H.		

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Grantham for the Year ending December 31, 1956

Date of death	Place of death	Name and surname of deceased	Age			Place of birth	Sex and condition			Occupation	Place of birth		Name of father	Maiden name of mother
			Years	Months	Days		Sex	Color	Single, married or widowed		Father	Mother		
July 12	New London	Ora B. Barton	76	..	..	Croydon	M		M	Boat Builder			Clarence Barton	Ella Angel
Sept. 30	Grantham	Meora E. Loverin	91	..	..	Croydon	F		w	Housewife			David E. Ryder	Mary Goss
Oct. 8	Hanover	Delia H. St. Pierre	64	..	..	Nashua	F	White	M	Housewife			Cornelius Joyal	Harmine Morin
Nov. 4	Grantham	Samuel L. Haut'niemi	61	..	..	Finland	M		M	Carpenter			Kaakko Hautaniemi	Ulika
Nov. 22	Grantham	Albert R. Wallace	86	..	..	Grantham	M		w	Ret. stagedri'r			William Wallace	Dianna Marsh

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOSHUA H. DUNBAR, Town Clerk.